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Karakuri Puzzle Festa 2012 has ended 7/21~9/2

Thank you for visiting and for your support.
Your cooperation made it a successful event.



◆ Handicraft Class

The handicraft class was held in a total of 17 locations (Odawara, Minamiashigara, Ooi, Kaisei, Nakai, Matsuda, Yamakita, Hakone, Manazuru and Yugawara town). The term was from 7/21 to 8/23 (18 days) and 37 classes were held. Two classes were held each day – 13:30 and 15:00. The classes were for elementary school students, junior high school students and adults. However, the main participants were elementary school students. We will hold the handicraft class with new works again next year. Don't miss it!



◆ Handicraft class for adults and exhibition

By popular demand, we held the handicraft class for adults, this year as well. The environment of this class was rich. And you could listen to people tell about the history of the traditional Secret box of Hakone.



New secret box II



We held the exhibition in the same place as the handicraft class. Odawara-Lusca is in an obscure location and we were prohibited from using a signboard, which made it hard for visitors to find us. However, this location was in the Odawara station building, which was convenient for visitors travelling by train. Visitors of all ages were seen enjoying the Karakuri Puzzles.

◆ Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest

The winners of the Idea Contest and silhouette puzzles were finally created and put on display at The Open Air Museum of Hakone during summer holiday (from 7/21 to 9/2).

For the Karakuri Box, a popularity poll was taken by those that visited the site. The polls were taken at The Open Air Museum of Hakone (same as last year) and souvenir shops in Hakone.

Thanks to everyone's participation in the poll the prizes were decided. The award ceremony was held in the museum on Aug. 25th.



『Miniature bulb』
Desinged by
Kouetsu Handa



『The folder』
Desinged by
Seiji Masuike



『Teapot』
Desinged by
Yoko Miyamoto



『Toilet』
Desinged by
Kyoko Sueda



Many people including the mayor of Hakone, guests, prize winners and our cooperative group members, took part in the ceremony. Thank you so much. And congratulations to the prize winners!



He is the most yungest winner and baseball player!

◆ Orienteering (“Stamp Rally” in Japanese)



This event has spread throughout Hakone. It was a challenge to get to all of the check points to get stamps and solve questions. This event was held during school childrens summer holidays, July 21st to Sept. 2nd. There were 20 locations to find and get stamps. The deluxe prizes were donated by cooperative shops and companies.

To get the deluxe prizes, participants needed to solve Karakuri puzzles to find the hidden letter located inside the box. We think everyone enjoyed this kind of challenge. Please join us in next years “Stamp Rally”!



the deluxe prizes !



"The 38th Exhibition of Craftman Skills" at Kintetsu Department Store. October 11th to 17th

The 38th Exhibition of Craftman Skills "Hirameki-no-waza", was successfully finished. As we seldom have exhibitions in Kansai district, this was a nice opportunity to see our works. Some of our members living in Kansai were able to attend. Thank you for visiting.



Information on exhibitions

◆Exhibition of Akiko Kamei

We will have an exhibition and sell works by Akio Kamei and Karakuri Creation Group. We will also exhibit some of Kamei's older works (not for sale). The exhibition site is located in one of Japan's 100 most beautiful historical landscapes. You will be able to enjoy Karakuri boxes as well as walking around beautiful Kawagoe in the fall.

Soubi-kino-atelier is particularly beautiful on the old storefront street. Be sure to visit the atelier.

Dates: November 11th to 29th

10:30a.m. to 17:30p.m. (Kamei will be there on the 17th ,18th ,23rd and 24th)

Space : Soubi-kino-atelier 2-1-1 Motomachi, Kawagoe-city, Saitama pref.

Phone: 049-223-1293

HP: http://www.kawagoe.com/soubi/atlier_info.html

All works are NOT FOR SALE.



Bad Radio (1987)



ROSE-WOOD (1990)



Bomb (1985)

◆THE GIFT - Exhibition of Three Materials-

Kakuda, a craftsman of Karakuri Creation Group, will join the exhibition. You will see products made from three different materials; wood, metal and lacquer. Please come to the event.

(Kakuda will be there Nov. 8th ~ 11th)

Dates: Nov. 8th to 18th

11:00a.m. to 17:00p.m. (shop closes at 4:00pm on the last day)

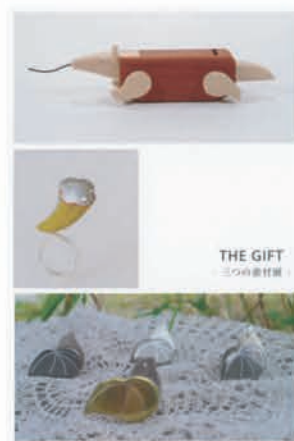
Days closed : Mondays

Space : Kanazawa•Crafts-Hirosaka

1-2-25 Hirosaka Kanazawa-city

Phone: 076-262-3320

HP: <http://www.crafts-hirosaka.jp/>



Making Christmas Presents !

We have started making Christmas presents, for this year.

What will the finished presents be like?

We hope to exceed your expectations!

